

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals – Withdrawal of part transfer orders issued in favour of M/s. Teja Cements Limited vide G.O.Ms.No.27, dt.15.02.2018 as per the orders of the Ministry of Mines, Government of India – Orders - Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 176

Dated: 17-09-2025

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.1601, Ind. & Com., (Mines) Dept., Dt:14.08.1973.
2. G.O.Ms.No.522, Ind. & com., (M-III) Dept., Dt:26.09.2000.
3. G.O.Ms.No.243, Ind. & com., (M-III) Dept., Dt:23.04.2001.
4. G.O.Ms.No.69, Ind. & com., (M-III) Dept., Dt:11.05.2017.
5. G.O.Ms.No.27, Ind. & Com., (M-III) Dept., Dated:15.02.2018.
6. G.O.Ms.No.36, Ind. & Com., (M-III) Dept., Dated:02.06.2021.
7. G.O.Ms.No.38, Ind. & Com., (M-III) Dept., Dated:02.06.2021.
8. Ministry of Mines, Government of India Letter No. 16/69/2022 Mines VI, dt:16.01.2023.
9. From the C&DMG, AP., e-file No: INC04-15023/25/2025-D-12, (C.No.2872958), Dt.19.08.2025.

ORDER:

In the G.O.1st read above, the Government have granted a Mining Lease for Limestone over an extent of 335.060 Hectares in Sy.Nos.431 & 432 etc., of Nidizuvvi Village, Yerraguntla Mandal, Y.S.R. Kadapa District for a period of 20 years and it was executed on 17.01.1974 for a period upto 16.01.1994.

2. In the G.O. 2nd cited, the Government granted 1st Renewal of the said Mining Lease in favour of M/s Cement Corporation of India Limited, and the lease deed was executed on 13.06.2001 for a further period of 20 years w.e.f. 17.01.1994 to 16.01.2014. Further, the Government vide G.O 3rd read above have accorded permission for transfer of the said Mining Lease in favour of M/s India Cements Limited for the unexpired portion of the lease and the transfer lease deed was executed on 13.06.2001 and thus the lease was in force up to 16.01.2014.

3. In the G.O 4th read above, the Government issued orders extending the lease period from 17.01.2014 to 31.03.2030 under Section 8(3) read with Section 8 (5) of the MM(D&R) Amendment Act, 2015 in favor of M/s The India Cements Limited for Limestone over an extent of 335.060 Ha in Sy.No. 431 & 432 etc., of Nidizuvvi Village, Yerraguntla Mandal, YSR Kadapa District for a further period from 16.01.2014 to 31.03.2030. Furthermore, the Government, in G.Os 5th, 6th and 7th read above accorded permission for part transfer of an extent 36.890 Hectares of the said Lease in favour of M/s Teja Cements Limited out of the total extent of 335.060 Ha retaining an extent of 297.020 Ha held by M/s The India Cements Limited. However, neither M/s. Teja Cements Limited nor M/s. India Cements Limited concluded the Transfer/extended lease deed agreements.

4. In the letter 8th read above, the Ministry of Mines, Government of India have informed that transfer of part of the Mining lease in the instant case is in contravention to the act and the rules made thereunder, and requested to withdraw its permission to transfer the mining lease vide G.O.Ms.No.27 Ind. & Com (M-III) Dept., Dated:15.02.2018 in the instant case and any other similar case and restore the position as it stood prior to such transfer.

5. In the file 3rd read above, the Commissioner & Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., has informed that, the MoM also noted that transfer of part area of the lease has been made in favour of M/s Teja Cements Limited with assurance of their commitment for establishment of Cement Plant, which indicates that there was no plant for captive consumption at the time of transfer. This is also contravention of the Minerals (Transfer of Mining Lease granted other than through action for captive purpose), Rules, 2016 which provides that the transfer shall be made for captive usage only and hence the Ministry of Mines requested to withdraw/annual its permission for transfer of Mining lease in G.O 5th read above in the instant case.

6. The C&DM&G, A.P., has further informed that, Section 12A of MMDR, Act and corresponding rules, i.e, the Minerals (Transfer of Mining Lease granted other than through action for captive purpose), Rules, 2016 provides for transfer of a "Mining Lease". These provisions do not provide for transfer of part of a Mining Lease. The same is provided in the extent rules regarding transfer of Mining lease, Rule 23 of Minerals (OAHCEM) Concession Rules, 2016. Thus, transfer of Part of the Mining Lease in the instance case is in contravention to the act and rules made there under.

7. The C&DM&G, AP., has further stated that, the DM&GO, Kadapa has submitted that, the subject lease is a captive mine for two Cement plants owned by the lessee company and they could not pay the Royalty and generate Transit Forms for excavation and transportation of Limestone from the lease area to the Cement plants there by the State Revenue is also being affected. Further, the DM&GO, Kadapa has requested to examine the matter and obtain orders from the Government at the earliest as to withdrawal/Annul the orders issued vide G.O.Ms.No.27, dt:15.02.2018; 36 & 38, dt.02.06.2021 issued by the Government (Ind. & Com. Dept.,) and to bring back the orders issued vide G.O.Ms No 69, Ind. & Com Dept., dt:11.05.2017 into force so as to enable M/s India Cements Limited to execute lease deed for the extended period up to 31.03.2030 in terms of Section 8(A)(3) read with Section 8(A)(5) of the MM(D&R) Amendment Act, 2015 as advised by the MoM, GoI and also to enable them for making payment of royalty and generate transit forms as they possess all required statutory clearances. The C&DM&G, AP., has also stated that vide their office Memo.No.10881392/D12-1/2025, have instructed to the DM&GO, Kadapa to allow the lessee company for royalty payments and generation of transit forms to prevent revenue loss to the State.

8. The C&DM&G, AP., has, requested the Government to withdraw the part transfer orders issued in favour of M/s. Teja Cements Limited vide G.O.Ms.No.27, dt.15.02.2018 as per the orders of the MoM, GoI.

9. Government, after careful examination of the facts and circumstances reported by the C&DM&G, A.P., with due recommendations made therein, hereby

agree to the proposal of the C&DM&G, A.P., to withdraw the part transfer orders issued in favour of M/s. Teja Cements Limited vide G.O.Ms.No.27, dt.15.02.2018 as per the orders of the Ministry of Mines, Government of India.

10. The Commissioner & Director of Mines & Geology, Government of A.P., shall take necessary further action accordingly, after satisfying himself that the grantee fulfils all the required terms and conditions as stipulated in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MINES)

To

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The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines,
Indira Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

The Director General, Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Jharkhand.

The Regional Controller of Mines, Koti, Hyderabad.

The OSD to Minister(M&G)

SF/SC (C.No:1380530)

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SECTION OFFICER